

South Carolina Board of Economic Advisors

Statement of Estimated State Revenue Impact

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Committee Requesting Impact: Senate Transportation

Bill Summary

A bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 77 to Chapter 3, Title 56 so as to provide that the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) shall issue special motor vehicle license plates to certain officials associated with the Storm Eye Institute (SEI) for private passenger motor vehicles owned by them.

REVENUE IMPACT ^{1/}

This bill is expected to raise Motor Vehicle License revenues within the General Fund by \$2,050 in FY 2007-08. It would also raise DMV earmarked funds by a total of \$4,950 in FY 2007-08.

Explanation

This bill authorizes DMV to issue a "Storm Eye Institute" special license plate. Pursuant to Section 56-3-2020, a special fee of \$30 applies to each plate, which is in addition to the 'regular' biennial registration fee (\$24/auto or \$30/truck). Use of this plate would be restricted to vehicles owned by the executive director, administrative staff and members of the Institute's Board of Directors. A person could purchase only one plate. The SEI, associated with the Medical University of South Carolina, is a center for management of complex and serious eye diseases.

We expect a gross yield of \$3,000 from special fees in FY 2007-08, based on restricted eligibility for approximately 100 total plates, at \$30 each. Of this amount, DMV would receive \$950 for costs, prorated at \$9.50 per plate in accordance with Section 56-3-8100. The residual balance of \$2,050 would go to the General Fund pursuant to Section 56-3-2020. As one prerequisite to produce the plate, either the SEI or an individual would have to advance a deposit of \$4,000, which DMV would retain for costs.

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^{1/} This statement meets revenue impact requirements of Section 2-7-71 for a state impact by BEA, Section 2-7-76 for a local impact or Section 6-1-85(B) for an estimate of the shift in local property tax incidence by Office of Economic Research (OER).